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Dear Sir:

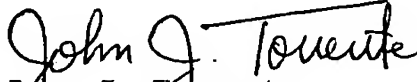
Enclosed for filing is a patent application of Taisuke Kobayashi and Kenji Morita for a CAMERA OPERATION APPARATUS, the application comprising a Specification of 29 pages; 24 Numbered Claims, including 9 Independent Claims; 16 sheets of Formal Drawings (Figures 1-16); an Abstract and our check in the amount of \$1,300.00 in payment of the filing fee which has been calculated as follows: \$760.00 base filing fee; \$468.00 for Six Independent claims in excess of three and \$72.00 for Four claims in excess of twenty.

Also enclosed are a "Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application" and an "Assignment," as well as a "Recordation Form Cover Sheet" and our check in the amount of \$40.00.

Claim will be made under 35 U.S.C. § 119 for the benefit of the filing date of Japanese Patent Application No. 10-107845 (filed April 17, 1998), a certified copy of which will be filed in due course.

Authorization is given for the charging of any further fee for effecting filing to our Deposit Account 18-1644.

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